



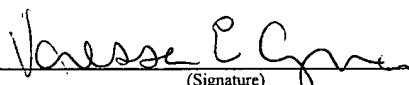
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Kenneth F. Buechler et al.  
Title: METHOD FOR MONITORING THE  
STATUS OF ASSAY AND  
IMMUNOASSAY  
Appl. No.: 09/712,615  
Filing Date: November 13, 2000  
Examiner: Lisa V. Cook  
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- ☒ Reply Brief (18 pages); attached Exhibit A and Exhibit B.
- ☒ Request for Oral Hearing (2 pages).
- ☒ Credit Card Payment Form.
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Respectfully submitted,

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